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[54] **UNDERWATER PROPULSION DEVICE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is a water jet propulsion device for divers and diver equipment. A forward pressurized air chamber and a rearward water containing chamber are positioned inside a cylindrical housing and are separated by a flexible membrane which is adjacent to a conical deformation plate. On opening a valve located in communication with the water containing housing, pressurized air in the air chamber forces water from the water chamber through a nozzle to the exterior of the housing until the flexible membrane expands to bear against the conical rearward deformation plate. The device is thus moved in a forward direction along with its attached swimmer or equipment.

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